

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Commission**

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**DECISION**

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**TOPIC            Contract – 28E Agreement - County Contract Renewal for TNC Water  
Supply Inspections**

28E Agreement with five county health departments to continue providing sanitary s  
inspections for Transient Non-Community Public Water Supplies in Iowa

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The Department requests Commission approval to renew 28E contract agreements with five County Health Departments in Iowa, to total \$241,020.00 over three years.

The purpose of these contracts is to delegate part of the Department's regulatory authority to these counties so they may complete EPA-required Sanitary Survey inspections and to provide technical assistance to Transient Non-Community (TNC) public water supplies, which include convenience stores, restaurants, and motels. EPA regulations allow the Department to delegate water supply inspections, but not compliance and enforcement actions, to other agencies. Compliance and enforcement actions, where needed, remain with the Department. Under these contracts, counties conduct water supply inspections annually, at the same time that they also conduct food establishment inspections at the same facilities. These counties also notify the Department when they discover unidentified TNCs.

County health departments can complete annual inspections at an average cost over three years of \$195 per inspection, which is less than the Department can achieve. Currently there is a total of 408 TNCs on the Department inventory. Each county has a different number of public water supplies classified as TNCs, but will be paid the same amount per TNC inspection.

This is the third three-year contract with counties to conduct TNC inspections for the Department.

Linn County estimated at	\$ 35,685.00
Johnson County estimated at	\$ 25,740.00
Cerro Gordo County estimated at	\$ 108,810.00
Black Hawk County estimated at	\$ 53,235.00
Scott County estimated at	\$ 17,550.00
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	\$241,020.00

Funding for this contract comes from Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) State Program Management Set-Aside (Cost Center 7159).

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